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1. KUHOOK

A. STRENGHT REPORT

BOND 187

JOHNNY 136

DANNY 729

HANK 180

TOMMY 15

TOTAL 1247

NOTE: STRENGTH DANNY REFLECTS ADDITION OF FRANK GROUP,
60 MEN DETACHED FROM JOHNNY, 500 VOLUNTEERS.

2. MOVEMENT

BOND - CONFIRMED CAPTURE OF CUACHGUALIA, DE 6512 ON 17 JUNE
CHAMPONA, DE 6317 AND ENTRE RIOS, DE 6522 ON 18 JUNE. DESTROYED
COMMUNICATIONS AT THESE POINTS. HAS FALLEN BACK DUE LACK AMMO AND
FOOD AND NOW ENCAMPED AT CORREDEROS, APPROX DE 6525, AWAITING RE-

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SUPPLY PRIOR RETURNING BOND AREA.

TOMMY - NO REPORT

HANK - LAST MESSAGE SAYS "PLANE URGENTLY NEEDED. GUALAN OURS." NO CONFIRMATION OR CLARIFICATION TO INDICATE CAPTURE OF GUALAN. RO 24, TORONJA, NOW IN HANK UNDER LT CHACON. HE ATTEMPTING GATHER 100 MEN AND JOIN HANK FORCE. REPORTS DIFFICULTY MOVING MEN DUE PLACEMENT ENEMY TROOPS BETWEEN HIM AND HANK TROOPS. RO 25, SANDIA, WITH LT CHACON, CACHED RADIO BOND AND FLED DUE COMPROMISE AND CAPTURE OF ESCORT AT BOND.

JOHNNY - ONLY MESSAGE STATES COL BARRIOS AND NIEDERHEITMANN DEPARTED JOCOTAN-COMOTAN FOR VADO HONDO AT 200710.

DANNY - ADDED 500 VOLUNTEERS AT ESQUIPULAS AND NOW MOVING TOWARD CHIQUIMULA. LAST FIELD STRENGTH REPORT 229 MEN. BELIEVE THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE VOLUNTEER BUT GROUP AND 60 MEN WITH COL BARRIOS AND NIEDERHEITMANN. LATTER GROUP ARRIVED VADO HONDO 210920. BARRIOS REPORT HIS GROUP IN PLACE AND PLANNING ATTACK CHIQUIMULA 220600. TEXT MESSAGE AMBIGUOUS BUT BELIEVE ATTEMPTING NEGOTIATE SURRENDER OF GARRISON PRIOR ATTACK. PRESUME BARRIOS-NIEDERHEITMANN AND DANNY GROUPS UNITED.

KUGOWN: ONE LEAFLET DROP MADE EAST JOCOTAN. WEATHER AND A/C DIFFICULTIES PREVENTED OTHERS. SHERWOOD ASKED EXPLOIT THEME ARBENZ GIVING INDIANS LIQUOR AND INCITING TO COMMIT ATROCITIES.

SIGNAL: SAHARA PROVIDING VALUABLE TIMELY OB DATA. IS ALSO

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EFFECTIVE IN DELAYING ENEMY COMMO.

AIR: CARGO DROPS: PM JUNE 20 C-21 PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL. AMMO DROPPED CF=9423 TO HANK. NO RECEPTION PRIMARY JUTIAPA (CG-3546). AM 21 JUNE C-22 SUCCESSFUL TO RECEPTION HANK CF 8750. A/C HIT BY GROUND FIRE. MINOR DAMAGE. C-23 SUCCESSFUL TO RECEPTION HANK CF=8320. FIGHTER MISSIONS: F-5 FLEW ESCORT FOR C-22 AND C-23. BUZZED TOWNS FIRING MG IN CLIMB. SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE FROM GROUND FIRE. FORCED ONE LIGHT PLANE TO LAND AT ESQUIPULAS. F-6 RECON FLIGHT ALONG PAN AM HIGHWAY TOWARD FRANK ABORTED DUE ENGINE TROUBLE BUT LANDED BASE SAFELY. PRESENT FLYING STATUS UNREPORTED.

ENEMY SITUATION

ADAM - TWO TRAINS LEFT ADAM 191900 CARRYING FIRST AND SECOND COMPANIES OF GUARDIA DEL HONOR ACCOMPANIED BY 81 MM MORTAR AND 50 CAL MG UNITS FROM THE BASE MILITAR. PRESUME THESE ARE TROOPS WHICH ARRIVED HANK 20 JUNE. ESTIMATED ENEMY MILITARY STRENGTH ADAM (ZONE) 800-1000.

HANK: APPROX 600 REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED HANK 20 JUNE. ORIGINAL GARRISON STRENGTH 800 OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 300 TROOPS ASSIGNED TO OUTLYING AREAS HANK COMMAND. PRESENT ESTIMATED STRENGTH 1400. RR TRANSPORT NORTH OF HANK DISRUPTED BY LANDSLIDE AT SAN PABLO AND SAB OF BRIDGE AT FUALAN.

BOND: COMMO BOND AREA DISRUPTED. GARRISON COMMO CENTER LOCATED AVIATECA OFFICE. BELIEVE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH BOND UNDER

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FRIENDLY CONTROL. RR SOUTH DISRUPTED BY SAB AND FRIENDLY CONTROL MORALES BANNANERA AREA. BOND STRENGTH 200. GARRISON REPORTS SUFFICIENT MEN BUT SHORTAGE ARMS AND AMMO FOR DEFENSE.

FRANK: NO ACTIVITY TO DATE.

IKE: FRIENDLY ASSETS BELIEVED IN AREA BUT NO REPORT THEIR ACTIVITY FROM CONTROLLED SOURCES. RR AND ROAD TRANSPORT IKE TO ADAM BELIEVED CONTROLLED BY FRIENDLY PARTISAN FORCES NEAR IKE AND VICINITY AMATITLAN-DOLORES-BARBARENA. COMMO DISRUPTED BETWEEN TIQUISATE AND ADAM.

CAESAR FROM CONTROLLED SOURCES NO REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES THIS AREA.

GOSS: NO ACTIVITY REPORTS RECD.

MISCELLANEOUS: COUNTER ATTACK REPORTED AT GUALAN. GUAT SOURCES CLAIMING HANK ELEMENTS FORCED RETREAT. HONDURAN VESSEL REPORTED CAPTURED BOND, POSSIBLY "EMPIRE". PURCHASED LA CEIBA AND BEING SAILED TO BOND WITH LOAD OF ARMS. TGW ANNOUNCED NIGHT 21 JUNE PLANE SHOT DOWN PUERTO MADERA (NOT LOCATED) GRAVELY WOUNDING AMERICAN PILOT. UNCONFIRMED. MAJOR ENGAGEMENT EXPECTED HANK 22 JUNE OUTCOME OF WHICH MAY VITALLY AFFECT ULTIMATE OUTCOME CONFLICT.

GENERAL: SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT SINCE HANK SHOWDOWN DID NOT OCCUR 21 JUNE AND NOW EXPECTED 22 JUNE. ENEMY HAS HAD EXTRA DAY TO AUGMENT FORCES AND CONSOLIDATE POSITION. FRIENDLY FORCES IN HANK AREA HAVE ALSO INCREASED BUT RELIANCE MUST BE HEAVILY PLACED ON EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT. OUTCOME IN DOUBT. END OF MESSAGE

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